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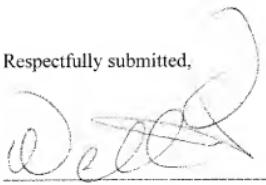
Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 15, the only claims remaining in the application have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1-4 and 15, as amended, are believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance. However, the undersigned attorney for the applicant would appreciate a telephone conference with the Examiner should there be a need for further discussion of any issues.

The applicant does not believe that any extension fees are due and payable for filing this response. However, please treat this as a request for extension of time should such extension be required. The extension fee, if any, should be charged to the applicant's deposit account number 13-2166.

Again, the undersigned counsel for the applicant expresses his appreciation for the recent interview held with the Examiner and we look further to working with the Examiner should that be considered necessary to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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